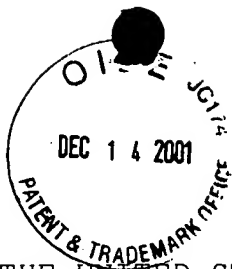


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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new Claims 29-58, as shown below.

B' -- 29. (Newly Added) A medium for chemical or  
electrochemical reactions involving soluble species present in  
said medium, comprising:

at least one ionic compound of low melting point  
comprising a cation of the onium type having at least one  
heteroatom such as N, O, S or P carrying a positive charge; and

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